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## **Vintage Map Reproductions from the Texas Archives**

An Old Fashioned Texas Christmas

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AUSTIN — This holiday season, Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush is encouraging Texans to give the gift of Texas history from the Texas General Land Office Archives. This year has been filled with technology and innovation as our society continues to evolve and meet ever-growing digital demands. But in Texas, time-old traditions remain sacred.

Historic map reproductions from the GLO Archives are the perfect gift for friends and family. Maps represent hometowns in which our traditions began and places in Texas that will always capture the imaginations of the founding of Texas. With more than 45,000 maps to choose from, there is one perfect for every Texan.

## Historic Map of Dallas

In addition to our historic map collection, the GLO Archives recently unveiled its annual limited-edition collectible Christmas ornament. This year, the GLO Archives presents the most patriotic ornament yet - an American eagle, expressing "E pluribus unum," promoting a message of unity, "Out of many, one." This ornament is the perfect piece for any history lover - those who reside proudly in our state of Texas or those Texans who reside elsewhere across our great nation.

Visit <u>SaveTexasHistory.org</u> to find the perfect map representing your near and dear piece of Texas land and patriotic Christmas ornament for friends and loved ones. The 2020 collectible ornament won't last long so make sure and secure one before they are gone! Online, you'll have the option to select from maps of every county and major city, as well as hundreds of maps of the entire state, dating back beyond the

Republic era, and even earlier. Historic map reproductions start at \$20. Online orders must be placed before 5 p.m. Dec.15th to be delivered by Christmas Day. All proceeds from map sales benefit the Save Texas History program.

The Save Texas History Program is a unique program that brings together private and public efforts to preserve the 36 million maps and documents at the Texas General Land Office. The General Land Office raises \$100,000 for map and document conservation per year through the sale of map and document reproductions, donations and grants.